

Notice of decision

Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Application type	State significant development
Application number and project name	SSD-10822510 UNSW Health Translation Hub
Applicant	Health Administration Corporation
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Decision

The Director, Social and Infrastructure Assessments, under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has, under section 4.38 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act)* granted consent to the development application subject to the recommended conditions.

A copy of the development consent and conditions is available [here](#).

A copy of the Department of Planning and Environment's Assessment Report is available [here](#).

Date of decision

15 December 2021

Reasons for decision

The following matters were taken into consideration in making this decision:

- the relevant matters listed in section 4.15 of the Act and the additional matters listed in the statutory context section of the Department's Assessment Report.
- the prescribed matters under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.
- the objects of the Act.
- all information submitted to the Department during the assessment of the development application.
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report.
- the views of the community about the project (see Attachment 1).

The findings and recommendations set out in the Department's Assessment Report were accepted and adopted as the reasons for making this decision.

The key reasons for granting consent to the development application are as follows:

- the project would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including provision of new health and tertiary education infrastructure, capital investment in the region, creation of 450 construction jobs and 495 operational jobs, and public domain upgrades that will benefit the local area.
- the project is permissible with development consent, and is consistent with NSW Government policies including:
 - A Metropolis of Three Cities – the Greater Sydney Region Plan.
 - Greater Sydney Commission's Eastern District Plan.
 - The State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038.
 - NSW Future Transport Strategy 2056.
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable NSW Government policies and standards. Conditions of consent are recommended to address key impacts associated with parking, transport and access, noise, public domain interface, adjacent light rail infrastructure, flooding, stormwater management and contamination.
- the issues raised by the community during consultation and in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed through changes to the project and the recommended conditions of consent.
- weighing all relevant considerations, the project is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department exhibited the Environmental Impact Statement for the project from 19 May until 15 June 2021 (28 days) and received two public submissions, both in support of the project. It also received comments from Council.

The key issue raised by the community (including in submissions) and considered in the Department's Assessment Report and by the decision maker is bicycle facilities.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Consideration</i>
<p><i>Bicycle Facilities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike parking for larger style bikes (e-bikes and cargo bikes) and associated design requirements to accommodate larger style bikes • Location of ground level short term bicycle parking • Recommend collaboration with Council and TfNSW to prioritise cycle routes in the local area 	<p><i>Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant advised the design of the end-of-trip facilities will be further developed in conjunction with a specialist consultant during the detailed design phase. The design will consider the practical needs of cyclists entering and exiting the building and will accommodate a wide range of bicycle types and user needs. The Department is satisfied these matters can be resolved through the detailed design, subject to conditions. • The Department considers the location of the ground level short term bike parking (located adjacent to Botany Street) to be appropriate. • The Department considers the expansion of the hospital campus gives rise to the need to consider pedestrian and cycle routes, particularly connections through the hospital campus. Council have suggested the formation of an Integrated Transport Working Group (including NSW Health, UNSW and Council) to look at improvements to bicycle and pedestrian routes for the Randwick Hospital Campus. <p><i>Conditions include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A requirement that the final design of the bike parking includes parking for larger style bikes. • A requirement that the final design of the access to the bike parking is sized, located and designed to accommodate all size bicycles. • A requirement to form an Integrated Transport Working Group to look at improvements to bicycle and pedestrian routes for the Randwick Hospital Campus.